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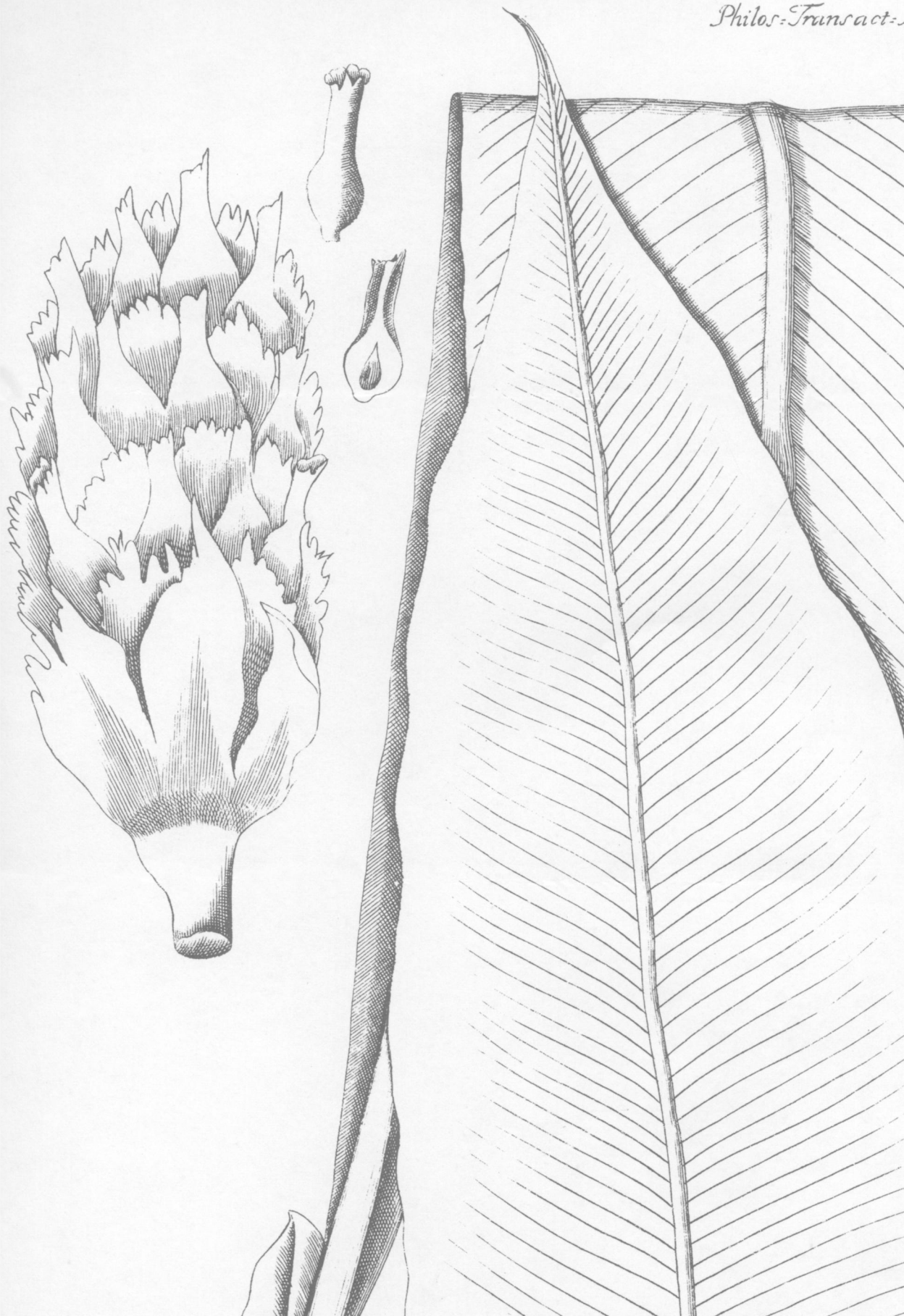
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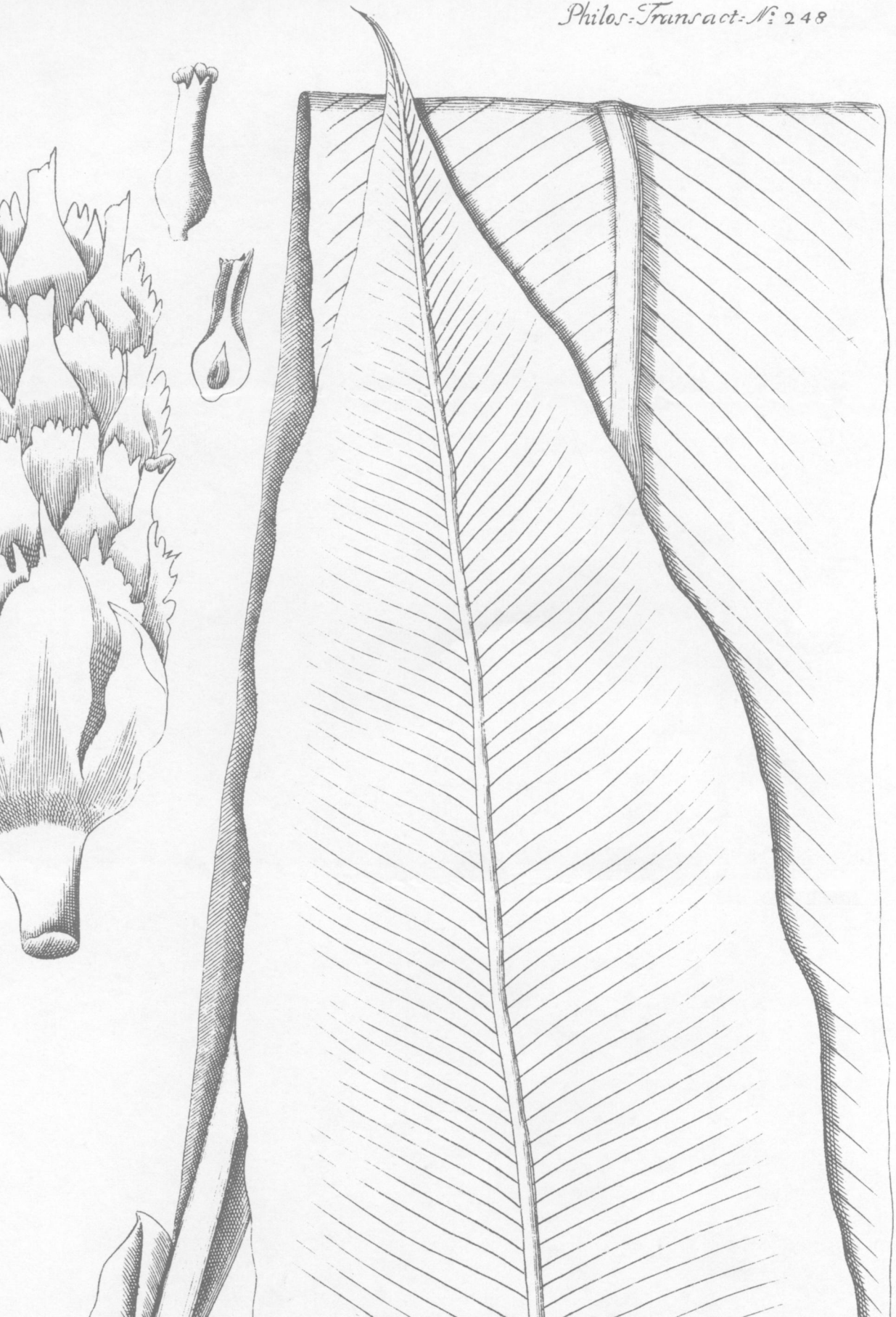
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# I. A Description and Figure

Of the true

*Amomum*, or *Tugus*.

S E N T

From the Reverend Father *George Camelli*, at the *Phillipine Isles*, to Mr. *John Ray* and Mr. *James Petiver*, Fellows of the Royal Society.

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De *Tugus*, seu *Amomo legitimo*.

**R** Acemoso *Tugus*, seu *Birao*, aliis *Caropi* viso florum fasciculo : degustato ejusdem uvæ acinis, seu oblongo semine & facta collatione cum Botanico-  
rum *Amomi* descriptionibus *Tugus legitimum Dioscoridis* esse *Amomum* decrevi.

Est autem *Tugus* planta quandoque ultra cubitos novem  
assurgens, folio simile plantæ *Tagbac*, seu *Bagongbonque* excipe  
quod

quod parte prona suavi oblitum sit lanugine venosius præterea, longius & suaveolens. Ad plantæ radicem seu caulis truncum, ex foliacei caulis meditullio racemiformis, & pistillo seu Amomonti florum fasciculo non adeo similis prorumpit florifera, & granigera foliolorum sesquipalmaris congeries, flosculis exornata rubicundis, quibus uvæ in longiusculum protensæ collum seu floris tubuli reliquias subsequuntur; dulci & paucò cortice unde à Muribus & Avibus unà cum semine plerumque depaſtæ, pauca admodum & exigua colligi potest quantitate. Quare & olim rarum fuisse, nec passim nasci *Virgilius* insinuare videtur: dum spondet quod *Aſſirium* vulgò nascetur *Amomum*.

Hæ uvæ quina communiter, aut sena continent subiuſſa, oblonga, inæqualia, aromatica, *Amuyong* minus acris, & cubebis Offinarum suaveolentiora grana, seu acinos, ex quibus trajecto filo nunc per se nunc lociatis *Margaritis*, ac *Coralio*, nonnullæ puellæ Indicæ *Caropi* seu monilia ac armillas concinnare solent.

Aliæ ex his, & semine *Belmusci*, iis *Maricom*, *Arundinis Lithospermis*, iis *Tigbi*, *Cannæ Floridæ*, iis *Ticaſticas*, *Pisi coccinei* iis *Saga*, *Amomonti* præterea *Badiang*, & *Calanos* seminibus similia nectere assueverunt. Ob gratum vero quem spirant odorem grana *Tugus* collo appensa gerunt ab insecto etiam præservare aere & *istui* mederi *Scolopendriæ*, masticata si super imponantur experientia docuit. *Radix* similis est radici *Tagbac* seu *Calami odorati*, insipida, alba interne, de foris rubicundis & subodoratis Capaceis contexta obvolucris. Ex *Borongam* scripto accepi, in caulium apicibus alium & hunc inodorum ferre fructum, quem necdum vidi. Idem *Indi Indanenses* mihi affirmarunt: sed eos hallucinari censeo, & plantam *Tagbac* (*Tagbac*) pro *Tugus* vidisse puto.

Provenit in *Borongam* & *Paranas* caput ex aliis Insularum *Samar*, & *Leyte*, locis. Nec dubito in *Luzone* quoq; reperiri, maximè *Silanii* in torrentium profunditatibus.

Nota florum *Tugus* recentia & tenella germina, aliquantum *Pseudo amomum* *Garcizæ pedem Columbinum* referens exprimunt. Ne autem quidquam desideretur miſto unà cum his scriptis plantæ delineationem, & similiorem castaneam esse ovo non deerit qui objiciat, quam folia *Tugus* foliis *Mali Punici* quod lubens concesserim, sed quicquid *Dioscorides* & *Plinius* de *Amomo* tradidere solummodo de florifero & semine turgente *Tugus* racemo

racemo intelligenda esse censeo, utpote quibus integra & ipsa planta non innotuit. Hunc enim *Tugus* thyrsus deprehendet. *B. L.* exiguè fruticare *Palmi* videlicet, plusve minusve altitudine: ex ligno subruffo, seu lignosa materia, flosculis & folliculis foliis *Mali Punici* similibus sese in racemi modum convolvere, sive ut *Barth. Merula* vertit esse fructum similem botruo inveniet semine uvis parvis simili, si seminis carnosum spectet tegumentum, plenum, valde odorato & acre gustu, vim habente calefaciendi, adstringendi & exsiccandi & cætera legitimi *Amomi* signa, ut pedis *Columbini* effigiem si diligenter investigaverit. *Amomum* in *Turcomania Armenæ* provincia provenire scribit *Joh. Botero Benes.* f. 99. p. 2.

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